



NEWS For Immediate Release NEWS

Game Management Unit 17A and western 17C Moose Hunt Opens

Dillingham – The Alaska Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge are announcing a 14-day winter season for residents to hunt moose in a portion of Game Management Unit 17A and western GMU 17C. The registration hunt will open on January 11, 2006 and close no later than January 24, 2006. The area open for this moose hunt includes that portion of Game Management Unit 17A east of the Togiak River and east of the Kemuk River, and that portion of Game Management Unit 17C west of Killian Creek, west of Nunavaugaluk (Snake) Lake, and west of Snake River. The bag limit is one antlered bull moose by registration permit only. Permits will be available at the Dillingham ADF&G office and Togiak Traditional Council office, and from Department personnel in Manokotak. Permits are available only to hunters who have not killed a moose during the current regulatory year. Successful hunters are required to report to the Dillingham ADF&G office (ph 907-842-2334), the Togiak Traditional Council (ph 907-493-5003), or the Manokotak Village Council (907-289-2067) within 24 hours of killing a moose. All hunters must return the permit hunt report card. All other moose hunting regulations in the remainder of GMU 17 are not affected by this emergency order.

The Alaska Board of Game and Federal Subsistence Board authorized a winter moose hunting season of up to 14 days for antlered bulls only in GMU 17A and western GMU 17C. This period is set when weather and snow conditions are expected to be adequate to allow hunters to access hunting areas. Aerial surveys during February 2004 indicated a population of at least 777 moose in GMU 17A. High productivity and moose calf survival since then provides information to indicate that moose numbers in GMU 17A and western GMU 17C are believed to be sufficient to conduct this 14-day, bulls only hunt. The areas west of the Togiak River and west of the Kemuk River are being kept closed to encourage expansion of moose to areas west of GMU 17A.

Hunters are reminded that a current State of Alaska hunting license and the registration hunting permit are required. Beginning January 1st, a new 2006 hunting license is needed. For additional information contact:

Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Dillingham, ph. 907-842-2334, or

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